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Alcohol: will students succumb?

Will the university be able to keep up?

BY MELISSA BATKA
Managing Editor

Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

Empty liquor bottles found in the parking lot after a student event in the Student Union and Library building may be a warning of a potential alcohol problem at PUC.

It was a typical Saturday night: friends hanging out and having a couple of drinks. There was a problem. It happened in the parking lot at PUC.

On September 17, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was throwing an "ice breaker" party in Alumni Hall. The turnout was overwhelming and far greater than expected. There were only two officers on duty that night; one monitoring the party upstairs and another patrolling campus.

As the event let out around 2 a.m. it became evident that there was another party going on outside as well.

"We were having a good time upstairs and were not aware of anything going on downstairs," said Ray Williams, president of PUC's Alpha Phi Alpha chapter. "That had nothing to do with us."

The PUC University Alcohol and Other Drug Policy Guide for Students states that, "PUC regulations state that the use, possession, or distribution of narcotics or dangerous drugs is prohibited except as expressly permitted by the laws of the state of Indiana. PUC regulations prohibit the possession or use of alcoholic beverages in or on PUC property, regardless of the person's age."

The regulations go on to state that under no circumstances are any university funds, directly or indirectly, to be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages and that no student organization is allowed to serve liquor, on any occasion, whether on or off-campus.

This policy applies in equal measure to the new student housing.

Some students feel that the no-alcohol policy is actually a positive thing.

"Given the high number of underage students on campus, this policy is probably for the best," said Jerry Johnson, a junior majoring in visual communication.

However, as a resident of the University Village, he feels the policy should be changed a little.

"I guess it would do no harm to allow students of legal drinking age to bring in at least some beer into their rooms," said Johnson, who feels that beer would not be as harmful as hard liquor.

Although the alcohol content in a bottle of beer can be less than that in the average mixed drink, the university feels that the potential risks that can be caused by any alcoholic beverage are worth making students aware of.

According to the policy guide, "Ethyl alcohol is the active drug found in alcoholic beverages. Alcohol has a depressant effect on the body. In addition, at intoxicating doses, alcohol can decrease heart rate, lower blood pressure and respiration rate, and result in decreased reflex responses and slower reaction times."

Dean of Students, Leo Bryant, said that the university is very concerned when it comes to alcohol and the safety of students. He feels that addiction, accidents and DUI offenses are all very serious risks to consider when it comes to deciding whether or not to drink.

"Students have a lot at stake in making the choice of whether or not to drink," said Bryant. "Once they make that decision, they put themselves in a position where it can impair them for the rest of their lives."

With the new student housing and an increase of students on campus, it may be questioned as to whether or not the university is growing faster than it can keep up with.

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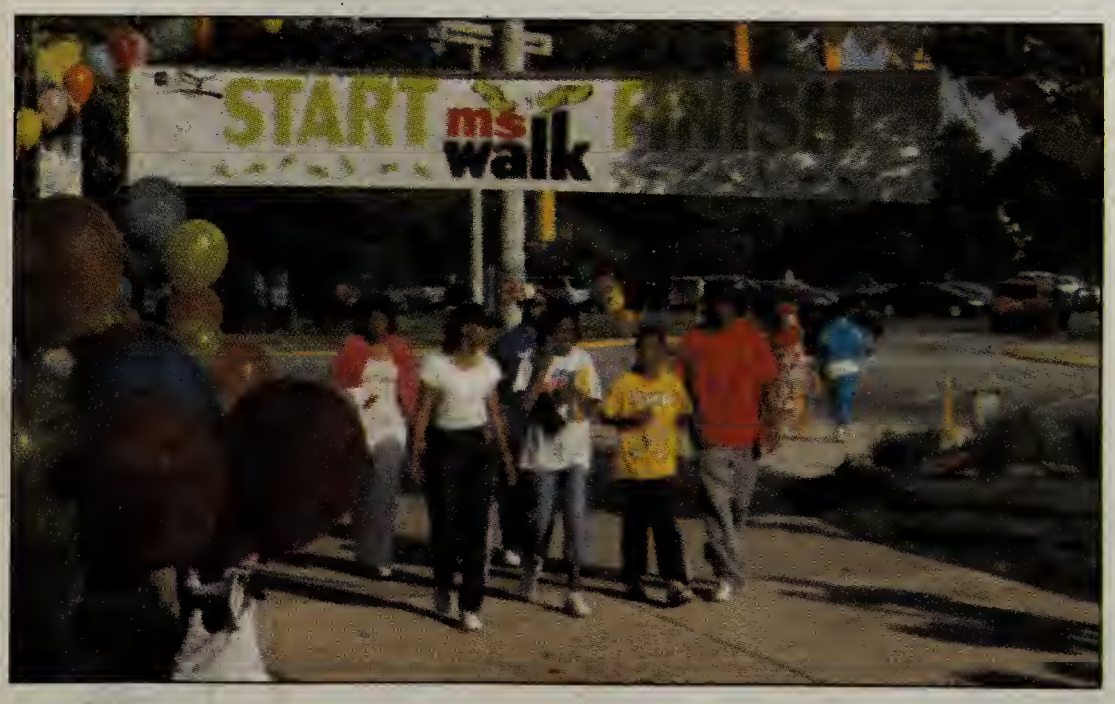
PUC's third annual MS Walk a success



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Loved ones lost to Multiple Sclerosis are the inspiration behind walking team Trinity's Angels, a group from Hammond.

BY MELISSA BATKA
Managing Editor

Nearly 1,000 walkers lined up across from the PER building on September 18. The Black Eyed Peas' song, "Let's get it started" echoed down 173rd street as the third annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk at PUC began.

Many volunteers helped facilitate the day including some from the men's and women's basketball teams.

"I have learned so much about the organization and MS by working on this," said Sarah Vaughn, a junior in fitness management, whose uncle has MS.

Vaughn and, basketball teammate, Stephanie Peacock, a sophomore in criminal justice, helped to set up rest stations. Although their positions at the fitness center required them to volunteer some of their time, both said they enjoyed the experience and would love to help out at walks in the future.

Individuals and teams of walkers came out to show their support. Once the walk was underway, participants could choose from either a one or three mile path. Some walked for family and others walked for friends, but everyone who walked helped to make a difference.

"This is our fifth walk," said Gloria Williams, of Hammond, who was representing a team of 13 people who call themselves Trinity's Angels.

"My husband died of MS and so did my son, Trinity," said Williams. "That is how we got our name.

"We walk for them."

Dawn Czarnik, Northwest Indiana community development manager, told *The Chronicle* that the walk has continued to grow over the past few years. This year, the society exceeded its goal again

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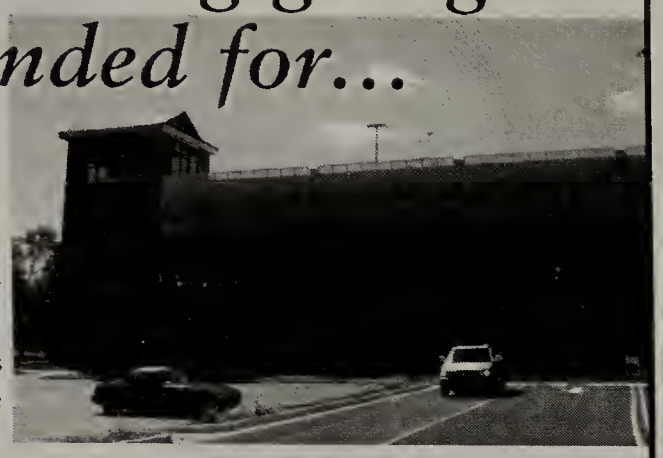
Our parking garage is intended for...



There has been debate on campus about who should park in the new parking garage. The answer is simple. The garage is for everyone! Students, faculty, staff and campus visitors are invited to park in the garage.

The $11.5 million, four-level structure can house 874 vehicles. If you haven't seen it—it's not hard to miss—it is located on the east side of campus at the northwest corner of 171st Street and Wicker Avenue, connecting west with Porter Hall. Take a drive through and check it out.

The garage was built with students in mind since student parking issues have been raised just about since the Gyte Building ground breaking in 1949. Ok, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration, but the availability of adequate parking has been an age-old student complaint.

As Chancellor Howard Cohen has said, "We would rather have our students spending their time on campus in a learning environment than driving around in search for a place to park, so we consider this garage important to our strategic vision for *nurturing student success.*"

University Police Chief Stephen Chaddock added that although the garage was built primarily for student use. It is available to any campus motorist.

"The parking garage's use is intended for faculty, staff and visitors, too," Chief Chaddock said. "It is designed to alleviate any parking shortages on campus."

Do you fashion yourself as a sportscaster?... Have we got a deal for you!

How would you like to be the voice of Purdue Calumet basketball? The Department of Fitness, Wellness and Sports is hosting auditions for play by play and color commentators for radio broadcasts of Peregrines men's and women's basketball games this season. Thanks to a partnership with Hammond radio station WJOB (1230-am), a select number of games will be aired on a tape-delayed basis by the station.

This type of experiential learning opportunity ties in with Purdue Calumet's strategic plan goal of student success. The hands-on volunteer opportunity will provide a community service while enhancing career marketability.

Interested students—no matter what major—should contact Fitness, Wellness and Sports at 989-2540 or stop by FRC-141 before Tuesday, Oct. 4 to schedule their audition. Auditions to announce this season's 10 to 12 broadcast games will be held Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 10-12.

Finalists will announce a live men's basketball scrimmage game at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18. The first radio broadcast will be at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Hammond Civic Center, when the Peregrines take on rival Calumet College of St. Joseph in the annual Kettle Classic to benefit the Salvation Army.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Rob Jensen, director of Fitness, Wellness & Sports, at 989-2540.

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What's Goin' On?

A look around

'Beyond the Blues' October 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Attend convenient, on-campus National Depression Screening Days especially for students and staff or faculty from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located outside Purdue Falls in the Student Union and Library concourse on Monday and Wednesday October 3 and October 5 and in the CLO concourse Tuesday and Thursday October 4 and October 6. Gain information and answers to questions about Depression and for yourself or someone you care about. Obtain informational brochures, literature, and view a video regarding depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety. Sponsored by the PUC Counseling Center, Gyte, Room 5, (219) 989-2366

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Life & Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Tuesday, October 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Straight Man a novel by Richard Russo will be discussed. Interested students may contact Student Life & Activities at 989-2369 or SFLC-324E to register. Seats are limited and books are provided.

Speaker coming to CCLD

Latrice Johnson, UPS Learning & Development Manger, will speak on Leadership & Career Development on Thursday, September 29, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union and Library Room w/View (150-D). Please register if you are planning to attend at https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp.

CARE invites members to meetings

The Coalition for Animal Rights Education will hold weekly meeting on Tuesday nights in Anderson 224. For more information, e-mail careforanimals@gmail.com.

Bone marrow typing drive

The social justice club is sponsoring a bone marrow typing drive to find a match for a little boy from Chicago who needs a transplant. The drive will take place Monday, September 26, in Student Union and Library Building 301 and Tuesday, September 27, in Alumni Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Concert to benefit Katrina victims

There will be a concert to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina at Community of Christ Church, 8629 Kennedy Ave. in Highland, on September 30 at 7 p.m. The bands performing will be NOR, Nate and his Kite; Lachance!, Dear Noel and Progress.

PUC Counseling Center announces workshops

The Counseling Center will offer structured, confidential workshops for students for the fall semester. There is no cost to participate in any workshop. The workshops are "Feel Better Fast," Seminar to Improve Self-Confidence and Mood, Shyness and Management Workshops may repeat based on student interest. For more information call (219) 989-2366 or stop by Gyte-5.

September 30 is the PUC Old Fashioned Harvest Fair 2005

BINGO will be played beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Harvest Fair on Friday, September 30. Please help us out by bringing any "white elephant items" so that we can have a successful event and play BINGO till the end of the Fair. Drop off locations are as follows: Fitness & Recreation Center - Room 141 - Janet Hero (ext. 2540); Library - Room 203E - Sheila Rezak (ext. 2677) Lawshe Hall - Room 352 - Roberta Cory (ext. 2531).

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Patriot Act: the debate continues

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

These words were spoken over 200 years ago by Benjamin Franklin and seem especially poignant in discussion today about The Patriot Act.

The Patriot Act and its repercussions have been in the news quite a bit, lately. Earlier this month, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Manhattan granted the Department of Justice's request for a full stay during its appeal of a district court's decision to lift the gag order in a case involving a Connecticut library and the Patriot Act.

A conference committee between the House and Senate is going to attempt to square differences between revised versions of the act currently going through the House and Senate.

Opinions on The Patriot Act vary greatly.

The American Civil Liberties Union states that, "There are significant flaws in the Patriot Act, flaws that threaten your fundamental freedoms by giving the government the power to access your medical records, tax records, information about the books you buy or borrow without probable cause, and the power to break into your home and conduct secret searches without telling you for weeks, months, or indefinitely."

The American Library Association, concerned because library records were able to be confiscated with a gag order placed on the library staff under the original Patriot Act, is happy with some of the changes that may be passed on the acts second run through congress safeguarding reader privacy.

On Tuesday September 20, as a commemoration of the adoption of the constitution in 1787, a panel discussion on "Constitutional Rights and The Patriot Act" was held in Alumni Hall at PUC.

The panel included distinguished PUC faculty explaining The Patriot Act and its motivations from the point of view of their field of expertise.

Professor Saul Lerner moderated the discussion. Lerner is the department head for the department of history and political science.

Professor Frank Colucci, of the department of history and political science, discussed the constitutionality of the act and its run through congress. Colucci suggested that all in attendance read the act to fully understand everything that it is and could be. From the department of English and philosophy, Professor John Rowan spoke on the ethics of the piece of legislation.

Professor Lisa Goodnight, who earned her doctorate with a focus in persuasion and war-time rhetoric, particularly from presidents, represented the communication department. Goodnight argued that President George W. Bush is intentionally creating an "us versus them" atmosphere, when speaking about The Patriot Act, us being patriots and them being terrorists or enemies of the state. She cited specific remarks from the president and the use of the word 'patriot' in the legislation's title.

Photo by Eric Draper courtesy of www.whitehouse.gov

The debate began almost two years ago as President George W. Bush signed the Patriot Act.

Attorney Doug Amber, of the department of history and political science, began his segment with a rhyme about little miss muffet being hauled away by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the guidelines of The Patriot Act after being turned in by a paid informant. He went on to explain what is possible and legal under the act.

The Patriot Act was passed Oct. 24, 2001 during the fearful days after 9/11. It has since come under great scrutiny as well as received a great deal of praise.

A full text of The Patriot Act can be found at

http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html

Drinking on campus

Is it getting out of control?

BY RICK HOLTZ
Editor in Chief

According to FactsonTap.org, 159,000 of first-year college students will leave school next year as a direct result of problems with alcohol.

The website also said that on average, a student can spend about $900 on alcohol each year. This may be because alcohol is often easily accessible to college students, even those under the age of 21.

"I tend to steer clear, so I don't know a lot but I'm sure it's very easy to get a hold of," said Andrew Wring, a 20-year-old sophomore at Butler University.

The site also has "8 College Drinking Myths," one of which is; "It's no one else's business how much I drink. I can handle it."

The web site explains that this is a myth because one's drinking can affect all those around him or her. The example they use is that if a person is drinking and they lose their keys, it can affect the drinker's roommates or friends.

According to a 2003 article in the "American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse," 75 percent of college men and 55 percent of college women drink heavily.

Linda Dixon, a student at Damar College, located in Owensboro, Ky., said that she doesn't know many people on her campus who carry alcohol with them, but admits she has kept some in her car.

Randa Wade, a junior at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Ind., thinks that more should be done for prevention on the university level.

"They need to create a reputation for being hard on students who drink on campus and back it up," said Wade. "If students are scared about getting caught, they are less likely to do it."

Wade went on to say that the current situation is not working.

"The whole 'make a poster on why alcohol is bad' doesn't work," said Wade. "Students know that it's bad."

Wade said that it is hard to expect students to get too involved. She feels the burden rests on the shoulders of the university.

"I don't think that students would really have any ability to enforce anything, other than telling stories about getting caught," said Wade. "It is the university's rules and the university should be in charge of enforcing it."

Major university campuses in the state of Indiana have problems with students abusing alcohol. As reported in the September 19 issue of *The Chronicle*, Indiana University at Bloomington recorded 227 arrests for liquor violations last year while Purdue-West Lafayette recorded 225.

Wade feels that only the universities themselves can make a difference.

"The schools could use RA's and other student security, but ultimately, it's the school's responsibility," said Wade.

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Monday, October 3, 2005
6:00—7:00 am or 9:00—10:00 am
Alumni Hall

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Experience is needed to succeed

College life is seen by many as just a stepping stone that is a preparation for the rest of life. Students take classes for their major, yet often work in a job that is outside their field of study.

There is nothing wrong having a minimum wage job while in college, but everyone should want to strive to have more. There is plenty of opportunity out there to gain knowledge in a particular field of study.

Students going for a degree in business can look for a job in a business, or do an internship to get their foot in a door.

Having job experience is something that can help give college graduates a head start when they go out to look for a job. Employers will be more willing to hire someone with a higher marketability. Having experience in a given field will also help.

There are plenty of opportunities for PUC students to get out and gain job experience. Students can go to CCLD and look for a job on campus, but *if none of the jobs open will help down the road*, what purpose can they fill? It depends on whether a person works for money, or works for experience.

English and journalism majors can apply to write for the Chronicle and learn how a newspaper works. They can work for a paper, seeing what it is like having to meet deadlines and conduct interviews. It is a chance to take things that taught in the classroom, and apply them in a real life situation.

Whether the person is a staff writer or a section editor, both people get the same in the end: job experience. The position does not entirely matter; the main point is to learn.

Job experience is invaluable when looking for a job after graduation. There is never enough time to learn everything in class, so gaining on the job experience is a key. Being able to say to an employer that you have already been working in the field it will give you a leg up on the competition.

Besides looking good on a resume, a person has the opportunity to find out if they have what it takes to continue doing the job, day in and day out.

The university wants graduates to succeed in finding jobs, in part because it is a good reflection on university. If PUC graduates are seen to not have the qualifications and ability to get and hold down a job, then that too will reflect back on the university.

The opportunity is out there, it just may require students going out and looking. College is more than just attending classes and taking tests. It is supposed to be a learning experience, so why do people settle for less and take the easy way out?

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That's what friends are for

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

You know those days, weeks or months when everything seems to go wrong no matter what you do? I hate that.

I had one of those weeks last week. I was having trouble in school. My classes are all outside of my major, and I felt a little lost.

I don't really have time to see my friends or spend time with my boyfriend, as we are all on opposite schedules. I was having trouble with work and trying to balance two jobs while being fair to both employers and myself.

To put it simply, it was a really rough week.

On Friday night I told a close friend of mine what was on my mind. I was losing faith because of the stress and the questions I had to answer for myself. I needed a shoulder, an ear and a friend.

This particular friend and I tend to vent for hours over cups of coffee, bowls of soup and ice cream. Her words last Friday helped me through in ways she never imagined, probably more then any coffee run we have made in the three years we have been friends.

I must have been at a crossroads.

After our conversation, everything just fell into place. My friend told me that no matter what I decide, she is there for me. I believe her exact words were "If you drop out of school, quit work and join the Peace Corps, I will love you and be proud of you."

This helped me realize something. I am 20-years-old. I am too young to be locked in to the decisions I've made in life.

If college isn't for me then I can quit. I live with my parents, and if I decide to look for a new job they will help me. It's my choice.

I had made up my mind to do one thing after I graduate. I changed that thing, and in turn my major. I put in the paperwork to change majors, and it was like a weight lifted off my chest. That one small thing changed everything. I can still be anything I want to be, just like I was told as a child.

I also learned one more thing out of this conversation. The biggest blessing in life is the people you know. My friends support me like family.

I have about three or four friends from high school that mean more to me then they will ever know. They know who they are, and only one will likely ever read this.

As a matter of fact, she was my shoulder last week. My family is a support system I don't think I could live without. I also am in a great, happy, healthy relationship with someone I truly love.

No matter how hard things get, I always have an ear. Whether I have to go down the hall, down the street or around the block all I ever need in life is close by. And for that I am infinitely grateful.

Letter to the Editor

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

For all who may not know, this is the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Despite the claim of making "no law respecting an establishment of religion," in 1954, to a pledge written by a Socialist that was accepted as a national pledge, there was an addition of two words: "Under God."

This issue at hand is not pledging to the nation in which people live in, but forcing religious affirmation upon people. Now, when people recite or write something repeatedly, it implants it in their mind. The recital of the Pledge is doing that exactly, while implanting or indoctrinating the concept of God into their developing minds.

I am not saying we should remove "Under God" from the Pledge. I don't like that "Under God" in it, but as Rick Holtz said, from money to cemeteries, religion is intertwined into the government. I am strongly against the recital, though, because there are instanced where students are threatened with disciplinary action for not reciting the Pledge.

I am not going to name any names, but I do know of an instance where a teacher at a school my friend attends was threatening to give detentions to students who didn't recite the Pledge.

I am strongly against the discipline, which is unconstitutional, as well as the fact that students are not often enough told that they do not have to recite the Pledge, which contains religion in it.

Students assume they have to say it, which is untrue.

Regarding money though, it is not like people read "In God we Trust," let alone recite it, any time they come in contact with money. By the way, I do not believe it is easy to burn coins, so good luck with those. If it came down to it, though, I would rather burn every dollar I have than torch the Constitution.

CHRIS NEUMANN
freshman studying business

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Free assistance available for students

BY AMANDA MORRIS
Cub Reporter

College life can be hectic. Students have jobs, personal lives, classes, homework, financial issues and more to worry about. Sometimes it might be easy to feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, but PUC has many free programs to help students find success during their time here and after graduation.

If a student is feeling lost in one of their classes, one place to turn to for help is the Tutoring Center which offers free tutoring sessions during the school year. The center is staffed by more than 70 student tutors who must maintain at least a "B" average.

Another place to try is the Writing Center. Students can receive help writing papers and becoming better writers overall by developing effective strategies. The Writing Center offers one-on-one tutoring sessions, workshops, and has a small computer lab and a play area for students with children.

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is another resource on campus, composed of 5 units, focused on helping students find success.

The first unit is PUC 101, an orientation program to help familiarize new students with college life, the university and the services available on campus.

Student Employment and Career Services are two additional programs offered through CCLD designed to connect students and potential employers both on and off campus. Students who participate in these programs can sign up for an online job database called Career Tracks. They can also participate in a variety of programs such as interactive interviewing and resume building that can help strengthen their skills.

Another section of CCLD is Student Life and Activities. Students who are looking to join an organization or even start one of their own can find all the information they are looking for in this department.

Leadership Programming is the final unit of CCLD. This department tries to help make students more marketable after graduation.

One of the ways this is accomplished is through the Inspired Leaders Series. This is a series of workshops which focuses on the five skill sets that employers want most. Students who attend five or more workshops in each of these categories become a Silver Member their first year and can receive a Gold and Platinum Award in their second and third year.

When a student needs some direction or someone to lend an ear, the Counseling Center is one place they may consider. The center offers workshops in anger management, self improvement and shyness and social anxiety. It also offers programs to help students choose a career path, as well as one-on-one counseling sessions.

The opportunity for free assistance is knocking on students' doors. All they have to do is answer.

Melissa Batka contributed to this article

Peregrines Holla Back...

What do you do to kill time in between classes?

"Go to the library or hang out [in the game room]. Sometimes I will leave campus to get something to eat."

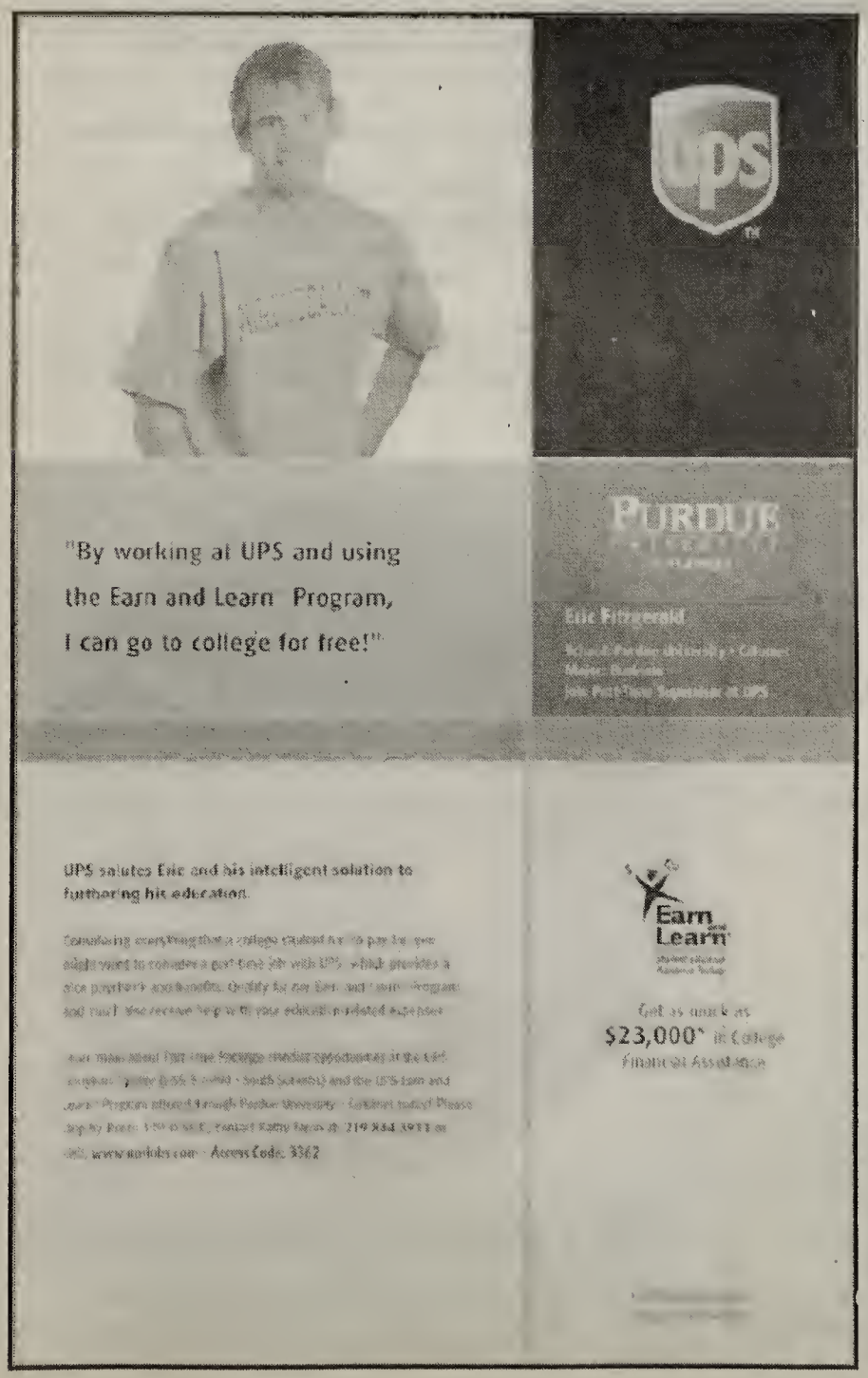
Sabrina Flores, Freshman, Nursing

"Go to the gym and workout, study, or eat."

Raphael Baker, Sophomore, Psychology

"I smoke or I eat. That's about it."

Nick Alessandri, Freshman, Business Entrepreneurship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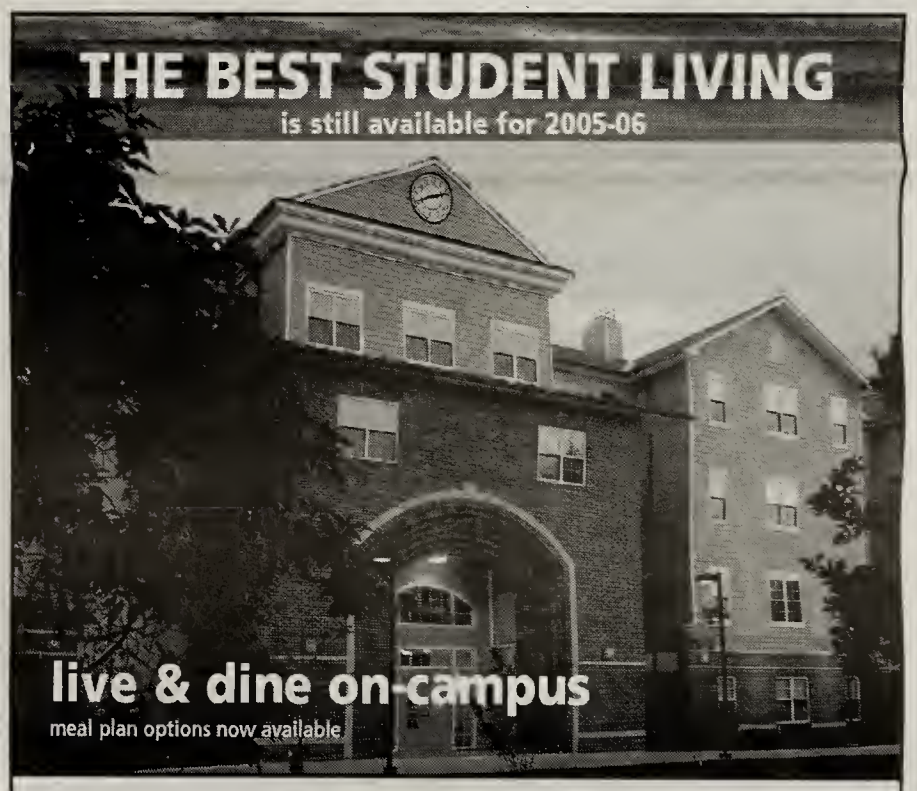

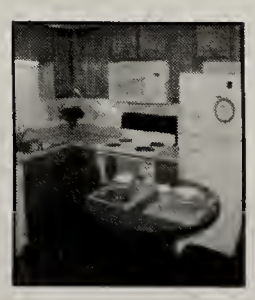

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iPod reveals its smaller side

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The iPod nano holds up to 1,000 songs, yet is only the width of a pencil.

BY DAVID OBER
Cub Reporter

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, students of all ages; Steve Jobs and Apple Incorporated present to you, for the first time ever, the iPod nano.

With its radical design and sleek dimensions (3.5 x 1.6 x 0.27 inches), the new gadget is enough to make a grown man cry. Although it represents itself as the newest in mp3 technology, it hasn't really been that long since the release of its predecessor, the iPod mini, about 11 months ago.

The people down at Apple know how the game is played, which explains why Apple's stock has quintupled over the past two years.

Who can forget the old cliché, "Don't judge a book by its cover?" But it's so hard not to do so when you catch a glimpse of the surprisingly sensuous and incredibly sexy 1.5 inch color display screen. With all the eye-catching splendor, it's almost a shame that the nano has no curves.

Now, to quote another cliché, "big things come in small packages." This is just what the nano brings. The iPod nano, which comes in two sizes (2GB and 4GB), comes with all the same tricks and twists as the highly coveted original iPod, but Steve Jobs has apparently decided that now is the time to teach an old dog some new tricks.

Four brand new features have found their way into the all-star lineup of the nano. The first of which is a never before seen photo capability that allows the lucky owner to store and view up to 25,000 photos in various customizable formats.

The second feature is for the die-hard tourist who never knows what time it is when their flight lands in Berlin or anywhere else in the world. The nano now has a world clock function that let's you know what time it is in various cities across the world.You can now fight back against those pocket protecting nerds who not only know what time it is in every country of the world, but also openly flaunt it to make you look like an idiot.

Next, there is a feature for those select few who like to strap on the iPod and go for a jog. The iPod nano has a stopwatch feature that will time your run and give you lap stats while you head-bang to your favorite band.

Last, but definitely not least, is the screen lock feature for paranoid iPod holders which protects against prying eyes and snooping noses. It only takes a flick of the wrist and a four-digit password to unlock your playlist.

iPod nano comes in black or white and will run $199 for 2GB (500 songs) and $249 for 4GB (1,000 songs).

So for those who finally saved enough money to get the iPod mini, don't worry. The mini isn't totally obsolete, it just doesn't make your friends jealous anymore. For those who still don't have an iPod, the nano will make a perfect starter.

So, that's the scoop on Apple's new iPod nano, and Steve Jobs is still the master of the mp3 player. For more information, visit http://www.apple.com/ipodnano.

Sharelle plans to make it big

BY VITA LAZAUSKAS
Staff Writer

Up-and-coming alternative rock artist Sharelle hails from San Diego, California, and is quickly gaining a fan base across the country, thanks to the internet.

I found Sharelle on the internet, at www.myspace.com, and instantly loved her creative style and vocals. She was kind enough to give me some insight to her life as a musician through an e-mail interview.

"I started writing music when I was about four or five-years-old," says Sharelle. "I'd sit at the piano and explore all the keys and hum my own melodies.

Eventually, I started to put lyrics to the melodies, and it took off from there."

Her musical talent and hard work shines though as she continues to work for her dreams to come true.

If she wasn't a musician, Sharelle would like to see herself as a writer. As fans of hers know, her writing abilities are more than above average and her lyrics speak to the audience.

"[Inspiration] comes from several areas," says Sharelle. "Many times it comes from my own personal experiences. Sometimes just sitting at the piano or picking up the guitar and playing certain chords will bring a flood of lyrics and melodies on. Other times, watching a movie or hearing a story about something can trigger emotions in me and I'll use that. Other times, I'll hear a really cool riff on the guitar or some beautiful instrumental piece and words will just fill in the space. Sometimes, it comes out of nowhere."

Sharelle accredits her friends and family for their support while she travels down the road to success. She believes that her need to get her emotion out in a musical fashion has also greatly helped her. She knows that this business can be tough and advises people not to give up.

"When you feel like giving up because the doors keep slamming on you, don't give up and don't ever let other people tell you what you are, who you are, or what you should or shouldn't do," says Sharelle. "Follow your own truth and believe that expressing yourself honestly will bring you to great places, even if it means just feeling happy in each moment."

Sharelle seems to be headed in the right direction as her fan base continues to grow.

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"Smile in Your Sleep"

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8.Nine Inch Nails
"Only"

7.Death Cab For Cutie
"Soul Meets Body"

6. Cold
"Happens All the Time"

5. Motion City Soundtrack
"Everything Is Alright"

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Kanye West's 'Late Registration' is right on time

BY CALVIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

Whoever said true hip-hop was dead was right, at least until Kanye West submittcd his thesis with last year's "College Dropout."

Everyone knew that his production skills were top quality, but there were doubts about his skills on the microphone. He certainly eased those reasonable doubts with much better than average rhymes on his album "College Dropout," which won Rap album of the year at the 2004 Grammy Awards. But what would he do for an encore?

We've all heard about the infamous sophomore jinx that artists go through, but what about West?

Well off the top, you have to understand his musical approach to his new album, "Late Registration." West is easily one of the best producers in hip-hop.

He produced four songs on Jay-Z's classic "The Blueprint" and most recently he produced nine out of 11 songs on Common's critically acclaimed album "Be." He also has produced countless hit records such as Alicia Keys' "You Don't Know My Name" (which won a Grammy for best R&B song of the year), Twista's "Overnight Celebrity" and many more.

Despite all of that, instead of resting own his own abilities, he reached out to another producer named Jon Brion for help producing this album. Jon Brion isn't a name that will ring many bells within the hip-hop community.

Fans of Fiona Apple, the Wallflowers, and Melissa Etheridge (just to name a few) are very familiar with his work. Brion's presence definitely brings a more "musical" element to "Late Registration."

The combination of West's great ear for samples and Brion's use of live and unconventional instruments make for what is the best rap album of the year, and I really doubt another album will top it. It could quite possibly the album of the year.

If so, "Late Registration" would fall in line with Outkast's "Speakerboxx/The Love Below" as the next hip-hop album to win Best Rap Album and Album of the Year at the Grammy's.

The album has surefire hits like "Goldigger," a song that features Jaime Foxx singing an old Ray Charles sample. This is beautiful timing, considering Foxx just won an Oscar for his portrayal of Charles at last year's Academy Awards.

Aside from the hits, "Late Registration" also contains more low-key songs that may never make radio. These songs are important to the album, nonetheless. These songs include the politically motivated "Crack Music" and "Heard 'Em Say," which features Maroon 5's Adam Levine singing a beautiful chorus.

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Kanye West proves that the sophomore jinx does not always apply with his second album "Late Registration."

At the end of the day, it's the non hip-hop elements that make "Late Registration" a hip-hop classic. The album broadens the horizon and takes hip-hop to yet another level.

Outkast paved the way for creative new methods to bring hip-hop to the masses and West has hopped on that paved road and made his own lane.

The question of longevity is the only question West has yet to answer. And because that answer only comes with time, we'll just have to sit back and listen.

'Cry Wolf' provides an ultra-modern mystery

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

With today's ultra-modern, internet based youth in mind, first-time screenwriters Jeff Wadlow and Beau Bauman have revived the nearly dead genre of mystery with "Cry Wolf."

Owen (Julian Morris) is new to Westlake Preparatory Academy, a boarding school where a group of students meet late at night in the chapel to play a lying game. Their ringleader, Dodger (Lindy Booth), is a beautiful but edgy co-ed who instantly befriends the new transfer student.

Dodger's posse is a multicultural group of would-be outcasts that include: Randall (Jesse Janzen), the punk kid with too many piercing; Regina (Kristy Wu), the cute Asian girl; Mercedes (Sandra McCoy), the sort-of-Latina sexpot; Lewis (Paul James), the African-American; Graham (Ethan Cohn), the nerd; and Tom (Jared Padalecki), the rather nondescript guy who seems too normal to fit in.

Owen joins in the game and it's clear this boy with a past is a natural. Before long, the group decides to expand the game to the whole school.

A local girl has recently been murdered, so the group creates the story of a campus serial killer called "The Wolf."

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"Cry Wolf" is a mystery for today's tech obsessed culture.

They send out an e-mail about the killer's M.O., which is slightly reminiscent of the plot of the movie "Seven" (using a person's most common sin against them in the murder).

Before long, though, Owen begins receiving messages on his computer from someone who claims to be The Wolf, and a hulking man in an orange ski mask (just like The Wolf's description) begins stalking around.

"Cry Wolf" lacks any real scares but has a few anxious moments and certainly more suspense than most dime-a-dozen slasher films.

Cinematographer Romeo Tirone does a fantastic job of utilizing the woods surrounding the school in the opening scene in which the local girl meets her quick end. Tirone also makes good use of suspense-provoking shots to increase intensity throughout the film.

Utilizing e-mail, instant messaging, iPod technology and camera phones, "Cry Wolf" is a movie for today's young generation. Anyone who isn't current on youth or tech jargon probably won't understand half the film, but that seems to be Wadlow's intention.

Those who actually remember the 1980s will be comforted by the feathered hair of Jon Bon Jovi, as Rick Walker, the attractive and conceited-but-caring journalism professor.

The film easily maintains a PG-13 by keeping blood and gore to an almost extreme minimum. "Cry Wolf" fails as a horror film but succeeds at doing what few others even attempt providing suspense and mystery for the modern generation.

The Chronicle Top 10 80's Teen Movies

10. Pretty in Pink
9. Teen Wolf
8. St. Elmo's Fire
7. The Lost Boys
6. License to Drive
5. Stand by Me
4. Sixteen Candles
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Student places second at fair

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Lisa Welsh proudly displays her award winning drawing.

BY ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
Cub Reporter

Many find art as an outlet for their creativity. Lisa Welsh, a sophomore majoring in Computer Graphics Technology, sees it as a hobby. Expressing herself in the form of art has paid off for Welsh as she took second place for her still life painting at the Lake County Fair in Crown Point.

Welsh is not a stranger in the field of art. She attended painting classes and ceramics through the Northwest Indiana Art Association and won several awards previously for her art work. This time her skill earned both she and the campus prestige.

She completed her award-winning still life of a vase of flowers here at PUC in advanced drawing 113, a course providing the foundation for the drawing process in the forms of contour drawing, composition and shading techniques.

Welsh first received the news that she won when attending a preview party at the Family Arts and Crafts Building the day before the Lake County Fair started.

"I was happy with it," said Welsh. "I was really impressed by my competition and was actually surprised that I placed at all."

"You can't really question your ability to create art just because you win an award."
Lisa Welsh, sophomore, CGT

Marie Cassidy, who teaches advanced drawing 113, realized Welsh came into the class with an artistic talent. Cassidy also believes Welsh's artwork is full of quality and is beautiful to look at.

"In drawing class, Lisa fine-tuned her drawing skills," said Cassidy. "She rendered objects so they looked real.

"Her self-portrait resembled her greatly and almost looked like a black and white photograph."

Cassidy commented on Welsh's dedication to her work and her willingness to help in class.

"Lisa often stayed after class to finish a drawing or to help set up one of our extremely large still life," said Cassidy. "I feel she should get recognition for her award."

Welsh enjoyed the advanced drawing course very much and is appreciative of the opportunities it gave her.

"Miss Cassidy really let the class have free range on the projects as far as composition and we were given a wide variety of projects that really let us explore out creative sides," said Welsh.

Despite winning the award, Welsh does not allow winning to affect her viewpoint of making art.

"You can't really question your ability to create art just because you win an award, said Welsh. "Sure it's a good feeling when someone else likes what you have done, but as long as the artist is happy with the piece, opinions do not matter."

Alcohol

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Bryant said that there are currently a lot of charges of people who may have been under the influence of alcohol from the University Village. As with any student found in violation of the alcohol policy, these students will be handled through the judicial system which the policy outlines.

In light of the event that took place in the parking lot, Sergeant Nicholas Zwier, of the university police, said that the officers on duty will increase to accommodate activities that are occurring on campus. An official decision regarding this change will be made on October 7.

As the university continues to grow, changes will have to be made.

"When you are dealing with growth you can't always foresee everything prior to setting up the administration," said Bryant. "I think we will become more educated as we move forward in the process."

Siddharth Mishra contributed to this article

Walk

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and raised $124, 891. Czarnik explained that most of the money will stay in Indiana to help provide support and services to people with MS while the remainder will go to the national organization to help provide research and other programs.

MS is a disease of the central nervous system that can affect anyone. According to the National MS Society, the cause is unknown and while it is not hereditary, the chances of developing the disease increase dramatically if a close relative has MS.

It is often referred to as a "prime of life" disease because it usually strikes people within the ages of 20 to 50. The average age of a PUC student is 26. With a new case being diagnosed every hour in the United States, Czarnik encourages students who want to make a difference to contact the society's Indiana chapter.

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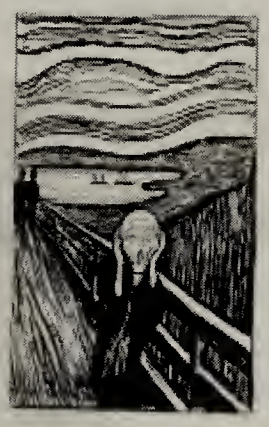

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Coolest game on Earth is back

Blackhawks set to begin season

BY DAVID ASHCRAFT
Cub Reporter

Wax up the skates and take out your partial dental bridges, it is hockey time.

After a one year absence, the international boys of the National Hockey League are finally back. It seems the time away did the Chicago Blackhawks some good. They have signed nine free agents and the 2005-2006 team has the best line up since the sober Ed Belfour days.

Besides reloading with some high caliber free agents, the NHL has implemented some new rules to spark some hot interest in the coolest game on earth. The most important addition to the game is the introduction of a shoot out. This will eliminate games ending in a tie score.

The Blackhawks should benefit immensely from this because they have a wall, or more specifically the Bulin Wall, in front of the net.

Nikolai Khabibulin is a world championship goalie. He was one of the main reasons the Tampa Bay Lighting won the Stanley Cup in 2004.

Khabibulin has the ability to shut out any team in the league. The guy is a winner.

The Blackhawks also brought in some brute strength to compliment their finesse. The name of that brute strength is Todd Simpson.

D'oh!

This guy is an absolute road warrior.

Chicago General Manager Dale Tallon had this to say to AP sports, "Todd's a veteran defenseman who brings extreme toughness. He's a heavyweight."

Simpson has collected 1,227 penalty minutes in 529 games. Every championship team needs an enforcer; Simpson is just that for the Hawks.

Even with the net closed off and an intimidating defense, the offense will be dependant on the back and stick of Blackhawk veteran Eric Daze. Daze is starting his 11th year with the Blackhawks but three back operations in five years leaves his durability in question.

Daze told Len Ziehm of the Chicago Sun-Times "If I stay healthy I'll score 30 goals."

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Nikolai Khabibulin was a major free agent acquisition for the Blackhawks during the off-season. The Hawks hope Khabibulin will give them a presence in goal they haven't had in years.

Hopefully a sore back won't prevent Eric from scoring.

Tallon has done his job putting a solid team together. It will be up to first year coach Trent Yawney to get this talented bunch to play together as a cohesive team.

This post-strike season is not just a new season, it is a new era. Perhaps all the fans want to return in all the markets. Perhaps hockey overvalued its importance in a world that has continued on in its absence or perhaps this season will remind us of what it was like to be children playing in the snow.

One thing is for sure, this season will be remembered as a new beginning or the beginning of the end on the frozen pond.

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RailCats are champions

BY CALVIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

There's this saying around sports that says defense wins championships. John Madden refers to the battle of offense and defense as the battle between the unstoppable force and the immovable object. Those sayings were illustrated in the final game of the Northern League Championship Series between the Gary SouthShore RailCats and the Fargo-Moorehead Redhawks.

The RailCats knew they were in for a battle when they came back to Gary down 2-0 in the series against the best offense in their league. In their previous five game series against the St. Paul Saints, they overcame a 2-1 deficit to win in the fifth and final game.

But this series was different. They were facing a much stronger Redhawks team that could hit, run and pitch well. With every game being an elimination game the RailCats had their backs against the wall all weekend.

They approached it one-game at a time, winning Game 3 by the score of 7-4 mainly off the strength of a home run and a double by first baseman Ben Risinger.

This is the first Northern League Championship for the 'Cats and the first pro championship for Gary.

That win guaranteed a Game 4, in which the RailCats beat up on Fargo pitcher Todd George for a 12-4 victory. The RailCats, a team known more for their defense than offense, recorded 14 hits.

That victory forced the series to a fifth game, one for all the marbles. After Game 4, RailCats employee Brandon Pate heard Redhawks' players saying "It's ok, Brandon's pitching tomorrow," from their dugout.

"They sounded real confident about it," said Pate.

"They sounded real confident about it."
Brandon Pate
RailCats employee, on the Redhawks before Game 5

The Brandon they were referring to was their All-Star pitcher Brandon Culp. Culp had been lights out all season and coming into Game 5 he was 15-0 with an ERA of 2.60, giving his teammates plenty of hope.

The 'Cats had other plans, leadoff man Anthony Iopoce, of Schererville, got it started in the first inning with a single. Fehlandt Lentini drove him home with a triple. Ben Risinger followed with a double to bring in Lentini.

The 'Cats had to hold on to that 2-0 lead for the rest of the game's remaining eight innings, because after the first inning Culp settled in and didn't allow another run.

The RailCats' defense stepped it up. Jaime Bennet pitched five solid innings giving up four hits and only one run, a home run by Bryon Jeffcoat in the fourth.

The RailCats went into the top of the ninth barely hoiding on to that 2-1 lead. 'Cats closer Derek Lopez faced the heart of the most potent offense in the Northern League needing three outs for a championship.

Both Rueben Salazar and Richard Austin grounded out leaving one final showdown between Lopez and Eric Kofler. With all 2,496 fans in attendance on their feet cheering him through, Lopez struck out Kofler and sent the entire ball park into sheer jubilation.

The RailCats had to overcome obstacles all season but none were greater than the two game deficits that they faced in this championship series.

Once they made playoffs there was a buzz around the stadium unseen all year. They took that energy and ran with it all way to the final possible game of the season. The championship series was entertaining to say the least for all who were involved.

Calvin Davis' NFL Picks

October 2	Time	TV	Pick
Houston at Cincinatti	12:00 Noon	CBS	Bengals by 7
Indianapolis at Tennessee	12:00 Noon	CBS	Colts by 14
Seattle at Washington	12:00 Noon	FOX	Seahawks by 7
Detroit at Tampa Bay	12:00 Noon	FOX	Bucs by 10
Denver at Jacksonville	*12:00 Noon*	*CBS*	*Jags by 7*
San Diego at New England	12:00 Noon	CBS	Pats by 3
Buffalo at New Orleans	12:00 Noon	CBS	Saints by 7
St. Louis at Giants	12:00 Noon	FOX	Rams by 10
Jets at Baltimore	3:05	CBS	Ravens by 10
Minnesota at Atlanta	3:15	FOX	Falcons by 10
Philadelphia at Kansas City	3:15	FOX	Eagles by 7
Dallas at Oakland	3:15	FOX	Raiders by 7
San Francisco at Arizona	7:30	ESPN	49ers by 3
October 3	**Time**	**TV**	**Pick**
Green Bay at Carolina	8:00	ABC	Panthers by 10

Calvin Davis' Big Ten plus Notre Dame Picks

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Indiana at Wisconsin	11:00 AM	ESPN2	Wisconsin by 14
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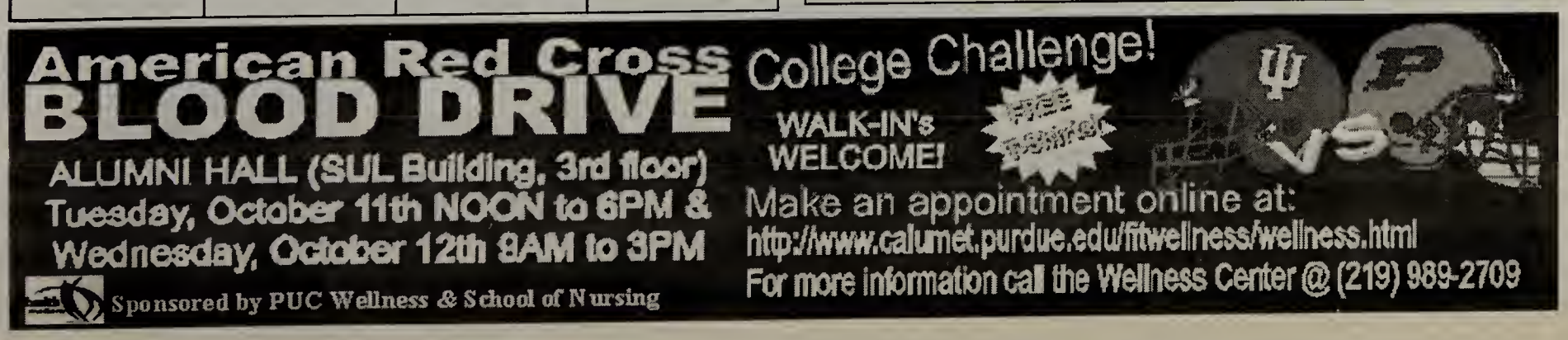
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Flag football is back

BY CALVIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

Fall is arguably the best sports season of the year. There's playoff baseball, college football, the NFL and last, but definitely not least, flag football.

After watching their favorite football teams every weekend, fans of the game can take to the field themselves, well sort of.

Instead of playing on grass or turf, this game is played on the hardwood. Every Monday and Wednesday, one step inside the gym in the fitness center brings to sight four-on-four football with a quarterback and three receivers.

PUC's flag football league has some striking resemblances to its professional counterpart. Instead of the AFC, they have the AFFC and to take place of the NFC they have the NFFC.

There are major differences in rules however. In this version of football, there are only three downs to get a first down instead of four. And two completions result in an automatic first down.

There's no tackling, of course, and no stiff arms are allowed. If a team is getting blown out, their morale is protected via the slaughter rule. The slaughter rule ends the game if a team has a substantial lead of 28 or more points.

The most interesting thing about the league may be the ultra-creative team names. There are the common names such as the "Bumble Bees" and the "Oilers." Then there's "Twisted Steel Sex Appeal," the "Sex Panthers" and the very confident "This Year's Champs."

The sport is growing in popularity too. According to Intramural Sports Director Matt Dudzik, this year has brought the largest turnout with 18 teams participating.

"We have seen a rise in teams each year," said Dudzick.

The players themselves range in skill level, from casual players to former high school quarterbacks like Bret Goins. Goins quarterbacked Andrean High School to two 3A State championship games in 2001 and 2002.

When asked if his skills from his glory days gave him any advantage, Goins said, "It doesn't work quite like that, but I wish it did."

Goins' "Demons" lost 42 to 21.

Last week was the first week of flag football and there are still nine weeks left in the season. The playoffs will begin in week 11, which will is set to be November 28.

The top four teams from each conference will make the playoffs and, just like in the NFL, the conference champions will meet in the championship game.

Games are played every Monday and Wednesday starting at around 7 p.m. There is plenty of room for spectators (and it's free) so stop by and catch a game. True fans of the game will love it.

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Chalk it up with the 8-ball league

BY BRANDON THOMAS
Cub Reporter

Many students have enjoyed the new Calumet Falls game room at PUC. One new activity that some people have heard about is its 8-ball league.

"I went to intramural sports on the website and looked for ones that I would like, and I liked the 8-ball league," said Jean Sponzilla, a returning student.

Sponzilla is one of many who thought that the pool league would be a good way to spend a few weekday nights.

Wednesday night marked the first meeting of PUC's 8-ball pool league. This annual activity is in its second year in running. After a successful first year, Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik has high hopes for this year's participation.

There is a tournament that takes place at the end of the season, on October 4, after which the winner receives a championship t-shirt.

But the league is not strictly based on competitiveness, considering that there isn't any money on the line. Members do seem to enjoy its lax nature and the experience of playing for fun.

The nature of these games is sometimes slightly competitive, though.

The league will officially begin next week. The members play matches where two out of three games must be taken to win.

World-renowned pool players won't participate in this club. The fun and excitement of the games are found in the experience. The members enjoy playing a little pool and *having a few light conversations with other* members.

"My favorite part about this league is when people leave and say what fun they had, and how they can't wait to come back," said Dudzik.

Dudzik is happy about the amount of people that have joined this season, and about the participation of women in this year's league. (There were no females that participated last year).

This may be attributed to new-found mass appeal in joining the league.

The 8-ball league is a very important part of our community here at PUC. This is because people walk out of Calumet Falls with a smile on their face every week, feeling like they belong to something that they enjoy.

Six-on-six co-ed volleyball results

PUC Spikers won games one & three 21-12, 21-9, lost game two 21-13 to "The Killer Bees"

Bigger Dogg won all three 21-14, 21-17, 21-16 vs. Big Dog

Crushers won games one & three 21-19, 21-18, lost game two 21-18 to Dig This

Bad News Bears won games one & three 22-20, 21-11, lost game two 21-5 to D.O.A.

Trojans won games two & three 22-20, 21-19 and lost game one 21-18 to Orville Ready-Blockers

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Purdue will defeat Notre Dame

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

Sports Editor David Funk is a rabid Purdue Boilermaker football fan. Here's how he feels the PU/ND game will go this weekend:

The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame will be coming to God's country (West Lafayette), or more specifically Ross Ade Stadium, in the heart of Boilerville this Saturday for a swift drubbing.

The weakest part of the Notre Dame team is the inexperienced defensive backfield. The Purdue receiving corps is probably the strongest part of the Boilermaker offense. That's a recipe for 300-plus yards passing for quarterback Brandon Kirsch, probably 150 or more going to either the oversized 6-9 Kyle Ingraham or the speedy Dorien Bryant.

The strongest part of the Notre Dame offense is probably their rushing attack, led by sophomore running back Darius Walker. This won't be a problem for the Boilers, as they were leading the nation in rush defense before the Minnesota game, allowing only 16 yards on the ground per game.

The third big advantage for head coach Joe Tiller's crew is Ross Ade itself. In the past few years, Purdue has added nearly 10,000 seats to the stadium. And this season, the university is reporting record ticket sales.

Almost all games will be sold out this season, particularly the rivalry game for the Shillelagh Trophy, and the crowd will be hostile. The Boilermaker student section is always rowdy after breakfast club at Jake's Roadhouse or Harry's Chocolate Shop.

The Purdue team also has the added motivation of remaining undefeated and vying for a national championship or a Bowl Championship Series bid.

With the overtime loss to the Spartans of Michigan State, the Irish lost those hopes.

The Boiler offense is averaging an incredible 40 points per game. They have a fairly balanced attack, unlike Purdue teams of the past, with offensive coordinator Jim Cheney's additions to the playbook this year.

Kirsch will be running some option plays, a little trickery, and a lot more two back sets than his recent predecessors. And Notre Dame has shown some defensive weaknesses this season that should be exploited in this contest.

Look for Purdue to win by 10 points.

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Ray Edwards (10) is congratulated by teamates Anthony Spencer (49) and Casey Welch (8) after a fumble recovery last season. Edwards is a big reason the Boilers will defeat the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

ND Fighting Irish will beat Boilers of Purdue

BY CHRIS ZACNY
Staff Writer

Staff Writer Chris Zacny is a rabid Notre Dame Fighting Irish football fan. Here's how he feels the PU/ND game will go this weekend:

Notre Dame will go to West Lafayette in hopes of pulling off a big win over a strong Boilermaker football team on October 1.

Purdue's spread offense will be a big challenge for the Irish Saturday night. As of September 22, Purdue is averaging an impressive 40 points per game. Notre Dame's defense is giving up an average of 25 points per game, and gave up 44 to Michigan State two weeks ago.

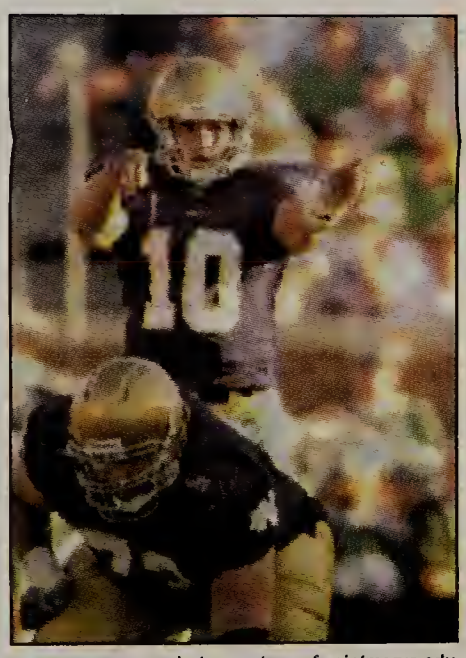
Purdue quarterback Brandon Kirsch versus the Irish free safety Tommy Zbikoski will be a great match up. Kirsch's speed gives Purdue an option-based running attack to compliment their spread offense.

Look for Purdue to run more option plays and expose Notre Dame's inexperienced defensive line. Notre Dame was hurt by the option against Michigan State; MSU won the game in overtime with an option run out of the shot gun.

Remember this is Kirsch's first year as a starter, so this could prove costly with his lack of experience in a big game situation.

The Irish offense is clicking on all cylinders and will look to continue putting up huge numbers on the scoreboard against Purdue. Although the Irish have been putting up big time numbers offensively, they have shot themselves in the foot with 26 penalties for 207 yards.

Purdue's defense has only given up an astounding average of only 16 yards a game in rushing, so look for that to be a factor.



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Brady Quinn leads Notre Dame against Purdue this weekend.

The Notre Dame offensive line versus Purdue's defensive line should be an excellent match up. The Irish looked frustrated against Michigan State's defensive line, but came out in the second half passing the football rather than running. If Brady Quinn can make good decisions throwing the football and the Irish avoid penalties, Notre Dame should come away with a win against a good but not incredible Purdue football team.

The Irish have already beaten the Big Ten's best football team, lost to their second. After Saturday they will have beaten their fifth best team.

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